

Dark Legacy:

Euthanasia,
Assisted Suicide,
and the
Modern Corruption
of the Medical Arts



“Then David said to him, ‘How is it you were not afraid to stretch out your hand to destroy the LORD’s anointed?’”—2 Sam. 1:14 (NASB)

VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA
JUNE 25TH, AD 2023

The LORD'S Day

The Twenty-fifth Day of June, *in the Year of our Lord 2023*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.



"To say that God's sovereignty is limited by man's freedom is to make man sovereign."—R.C. Sproul

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* (#30; v. 1)

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"How Big is God!"* (#40).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: 1 Sam. 31:1-5; 2 Sam. 1:1-16.

Prayer, Praises, and Testimony.

Hymn: *"Have Thine own Way, Lord"* (#325).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"In Times Like These"* (#328).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"EUTHANASIA: THE DARK LEGACY"* (PT. III).

Closing Hymn:* *"God Will Take Care of You"* (#426; vv. 1, 4).

Benediction.*

The Congregation will please arise, if able.



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Also check out our YouTube Channel (search "Terry Reese")!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZPAQluabZiWE8eVNquACAQ>

See our [rumble](https://rumble.com/c/c-3127604) channel (search TerryReese) <https://rumble.com/c/c-3127604>

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM



Week of June 18 – June 24

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—I6;

Midweek—4; Weekly Offering—\$442.²⁵



CGBCI NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Next Sunday, **Joe Zambuto** of the North Buffalo GBC of Kittanning, PA will be filling-in for the Pastor while he is at the CGBCI National Conference in Dublin, OH.

AFRICA UPDATE

From: Pastor Keith Merriman; Dateline: June 16, 2023

Dear beloved brethren, after some quick shopping at Walmart for some basic necessities, Salomon and Mary have arrived safely at the Merriman's. They will be at camp next week beginning on Wednesday and then will we be at Conference, Lord willing, the next Wednesday. Thanks for all your prayers and gifts that have made this trip possible! God bless, Keith (*more itinerary to follow*)

Our recent YouTube message on abortion (***Moloch's Children, Pt. I***) has so far been viewed **234 TIMES**—a **personal record** for us (with an additional 10 views on [rumble](https://rumble.com))!!! If you like what we're doing, please share our posts to further the reach of our ministry and get the Word out there in the minds and hearts of people!

Upcoming Summer Events

Now-thru-July 14: Camp Mantowagen camping weeks.

June 28-July 5: CGBCI National Conference, Dublin, OH.

July 31-August 4: Vacation Bible School with CEF.

August 13: Our annual Church Picnic.

Cover illustration: "*Hippocrates contra. Hypocrisy*" by Pastor Terry L. Reese

The Dark Legacy of Euthanasia & the Perversion of Medicine

(Pastor Terry L. Reese; Valley GBC, Armagh, PA; 6/23/23)

- **Doctors of pagan antiquity** routinely practiced euthanasia and performed abortions as part of their “services.”
- **Hippocrates of Kos** (460-370 BC), a Greek doctor, founded a new school of medicine that opposed & disapproved of both abortion and euthanasia. His ethical medical code (“**FIRST, do no harm!**”) ultimately came to predominate in the western Christian world.
- With the rise of the **Gilded Age & Progressive Eras**, euthanasia seriously entered U.S. public discourse in the **late 19th & early 20th** centuries, sharply questioning the traditional sanctity-of-life ethic of historic western Christian civilization.
- In 1870, **Samuel Williams** proposed the use of a cocktail of anesthetics & morphine to intentionally end a suffering patient's life.
- The notorious atheist lecturer **Robert Ingersoll** (1833-1899) called for euthanasia to end the suffering of terminally ill patients.
- **Felix Adler**, a prominent educator, called in 1891 for the use of lethal drugs on terminally ill patients upon their voluntary request.
- While much of the **Progressive Era** debate focused on **voluntary** euthanasia, calls for **involuntary euthanasia** were also vocalized.
- 1900: **W. Duncan McKim**, a prominent NY doctor, published “*Heredity & Human Progress*,” suggesting that those with severe inherited defects & mental issues, as well as epileptics, drunkards, and criminals, should be “**humanely**” **killed with carbonic gas**.
- In 1906, the **Ohio legislature** seriously considered the legalization of voluntary euthanasia—but the bill failed to make it out of committee.
- The **1930’s** saw a strong revival of interest & support for euthanasia.
- 1938: **The Euthanasia Society of America** (ESA) was formed, which lobbied for both the **voluntary and involuntary euthanasia** of people with severe disabilities, as well as for **forced sterilization**.
- 1939-45: **Adolf Hitler** & his **SS doctors** euthanize some **300,000 people against their will** (physically & mentally handicapped, elderly, mentally ill, terminally ill, etc.)—including many **children**.
- The **immediate postwar era** saw a decline in public support for euthanasia following the criminal abuses of the Third Reich.
- **Interest revives** in the **60’s & 70’s** with the rise of the “right-to-die” movement, and with subsequent high-profile cases—e.g., Karen Ann Quinlan, Terri Schaivo, Roswell Gilbert, Dr. Kevorkian. **Various nations** now allow physician-assisted-suicide & other forms of euthanasia.